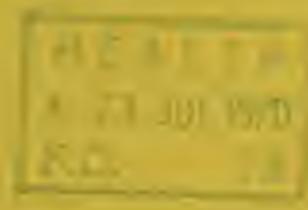


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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH & THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH

INSPECTOR.

FOR THE YEAR.

1969.





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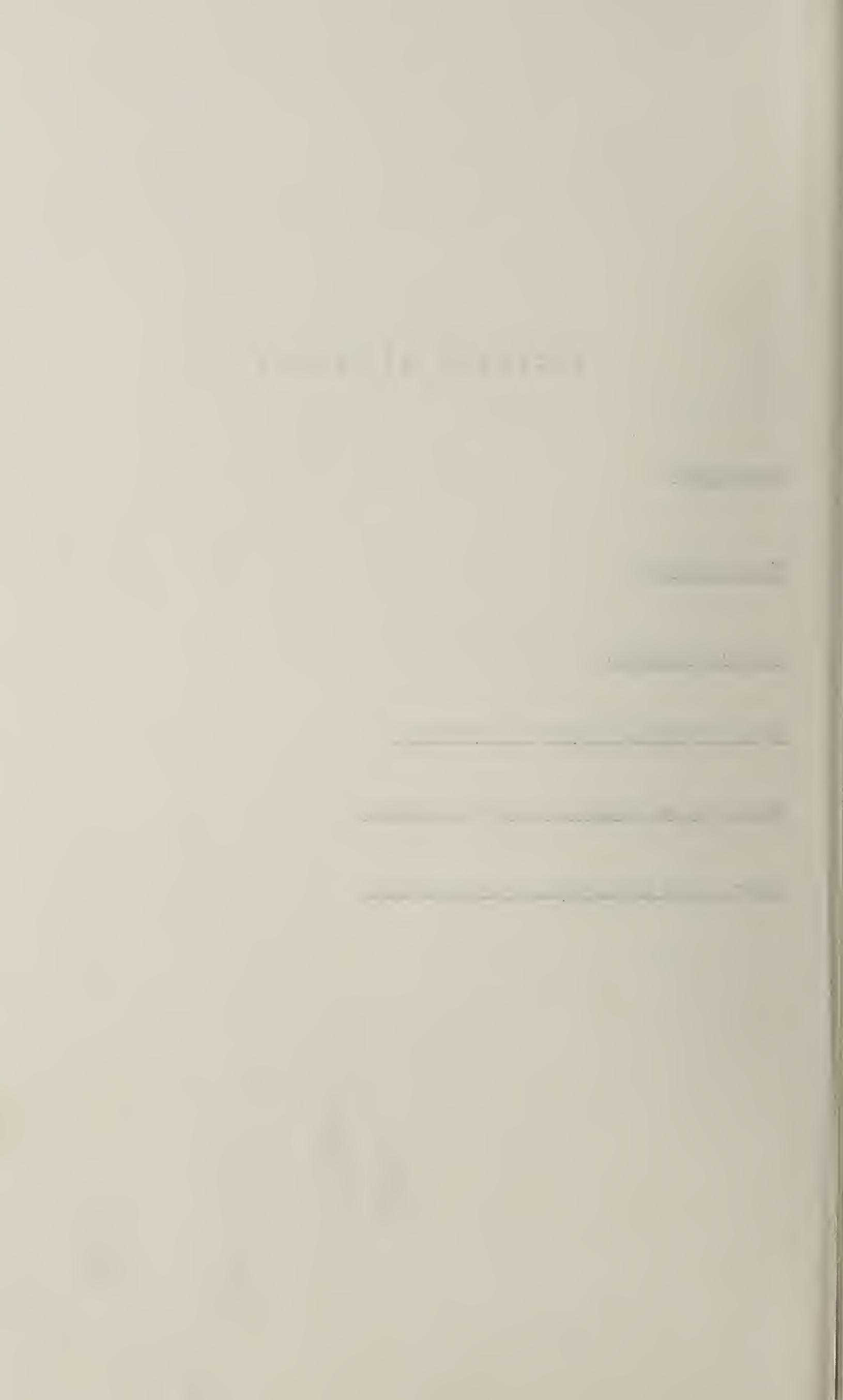
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General Provision of the Health Services.

Prevalence and Control of Infectious Diseases.

Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.



Rural District Council Offices,

Corve Street,

LUDLOW.

June, 1970.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for 1969, together with the Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

The Vital Statistics are on the whole in line with the National Statistics, but I should like to emphasise that deaths from Cancer of the Lung increase each year and that these deaths and those from suicide and accidents accounted for nearly 10% of all the deaths - largely preventable deaths.

In spite of the way in which financial conditions have held up progress, planning has continued on all the proposed and necessary housing, sewerage and drainage schemes and other Public Health measures.

At Millmead, Craven Arms, 22 flatlets for Old People with Warden accommodation were completed and at Whitefriars, Ludlow 20 bungalows for Old People and Warden accommodation plus 6 other bungalows were opened. Five bungalows were completed in Steventon New Road, Ludlow and schemes for housing at Burford and Craven Arms were begun.

Modernisation of houses at Abdon, Church Stretton, Culmington and Seifton were completed and plans are in hand to modernise 100 old council houses in Ludlow.

It is envisaged that the housing problem in this district could be virtually solved by 1974 - financial conditions being favourable - this problem being greatest in Ludlow town.

Extension to Craven Arms sewage works have been completed and plans are in hand to extend the works at Clee Hill.

In Ludlow it has been found necessary to extend the Stage II Trunk Sewer Scheme to take in Steventon New Road & Sidney Road to alleviate flooding and to provide drainage for the area surrounding the site of the new school at Clee View.

Sewerage schemes for Ludford & Sheet, Rushbury & Wall, and Wistanstow, are all necessary and are within the programme for the next few years as are the Public Conveniences in Ludlow, Linney and Corve Street, and Craven Arms.

The provision of Public Conveniences and the general cleansing of lay-byes on the Trunk roads raise very difficult problems which are becoming more and more pressing.

Although it was considered that incineration of refuse would be the best method of solving the problem for us as the tip at Church Stretton is unsuitable and the one at Ludlow is rapidly filling up - financial considerations have ruled this out and a search is being made for a suitable tip site.

I should like to thank all my colleagues here for their cheerful co-operation throughout the year.

Elizabeth Capper.

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VITAL STATISTICS - 1969.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Live Births:</u>			
Number	182	150	332
Rate per 1,000 Population			14.0
Area comparability Factor			1.12
Local adjusted birth rate			15.7
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate			.96
<u>Illegitimate Live Births:</u>			
Number	12	11	23
Percent of Total live births			7.0
Corresponding figure for England and Wales			8.0
<u>Still Births:</u>			
Number	2	3	5
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births			15
Corresponding figure for England and Wales			13
Total Live and Still births	184	153	337
Legitimate	172	142	314
Illegitimate	12	11	23
<u>Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)</u> (Total)	5	4	9
Legitimate	4	4	8
Illegitimate	1	-	1
<u>Infant Deaths ( deaths under <math>\frac{1}{4}</math> weeks of age):</u> (Total)	3	2	5
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	1	-	1
<u>Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 week of age):</u> (Total)	1	2	3
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
<u>Infant Mortality Rates:</u>	<u>LUDLOW</u>	<u>ENGLAND &amp; WALES.</u>	
Death under 1 year per 1,000 live births	27	18	
Death of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	26	17	
Death of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	43	25	
<u>Neo-natal Mortality Rates:</u>			
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	15	12	
<u>Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate:</u>			
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	9	10	
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate:</u>			
Still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births	24	23	

Maternal Mortality Rate (including abortion).

<u>Deaths from all causes.</u>	<u>Male</u> 150	<u>Female</u> 131	<u>Total</u> 281
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Death Rates etc., all ages:Ludlow R.D.C.England & Wales.

Deaths per 1,000 home population.	11.8	11.9
Area comparability factor.	.89	1.00
Local adjusted death rate.	10.5	11.9
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate.	.88	1.00

(Area comparability factor for use with crude birth and death rates make allowances for the way in which the sex and age distribution of the local population differ from that of England and Wales as a whole and takes into account the presence of any residential institution in the area).

GENERAL STATISTICS AND NOTES ON VITAL STATISTICS.

Estimated Mid year population	23,730
Area in acres	120,451
Population per acre	.196
Rateable value	£750,463.

Births:

There has been little significant change in the number of births during the last three years, the total being 375, 328 and 332. Last year the ratio of adjusted rate to national rate was .91 and this year it is .96. The illegitimate live birth rate has increased from 4 last year to 7 this year but is still under the national figure of 8.

The number of still births is keeping very steady - there were 6 last year and 5 this year - none of them being illegitimate.

Infant Mortality:

The infant mortality rate has not varied much during the last three years - the rates being 29, 24 and 27, but the rate of 27 for this year is above the national rate of 18. However, the Perinatal Mortality rate of 24, which is the same as last year is only one above the national rate of 23. This rate is an indication of the standard of ante-natal and obstetric care.

Deaths:

The total number of deaths was 281, 150 male and 131 female. The standardised death rate is .88 of the rate for England and Wales.

Number of Deaths at different periods of life:

<u>Under 4 weeks.</u>	<u>4 weeks &amp; under 1 year</u>	<u>1-4</u>	<u>5-14</u>	<u>15-24</u>	<u>25-34</u>	<u>35-44</u>	<u>45-54</u>	<u>55-64</u>	<u>65-74</u>	<u>75 &amp; Over</u>
Male. 3	2	2	1	1	1	1	5	25	43	66
Female. 2	2	-	-	-	1	1	7	10	36	72

Causes of DeathMaleFemale

Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases.	1	-
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.	-	1
Malignant Deoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus.	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach.	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine.	5	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus.	13	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast.	-	5

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate.	1	-
Leukaemia.	1	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms.	2	10
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms.	1	1
Diabetes Mellitus.	1	2
Other Endocrine etc., Diseases.	1	-
Anaemias.	1	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease.	1	1
Hypertensive Disease.	1	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease.	41	36
Other Forms of Heart Disease.	7	5
Cerebrovascular Disease.	23	28
Other diseases of Circulatory System.	3	5
Influenza.	1	-
Pneumonia.	9	7
Bronchitis and Emphysema.	13	1
Other diseases of Respiratory System.	-	2
Peptic Ulcer.	2	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia.	2	2
Cirrhosis of Liver.	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System.	2	3
Hyperplasia of Prostate.	1	-
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System.	2	-
Congenital Anomalies.	2	1
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality.	2	1
Symptoms and ill defined conditions.	2	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents.	1	-
All other accidents.	3	2
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries.	2	2
All other external causes.	-	1

The major "killer" diseases remain the same and cause roughly the same percentage of death each year: they are:-

	<u>No. of deaths.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>% of total deaths.</u>
Diseases of Heart & Circulation.	154	76	78	54.8%
Cancer & Leukaemia	51	26	25	18.1%
Respiratory Infections		23	8	11.0%

There are three times as many deaths in men from Respiratory Infections as in women, and six times as many from cancer of the lung.

The number of deaths from all accidents and suicide is lower than last year and they result in 3.6% of the total deaths.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Respiratory Infections	23	8	31
Cancer of the Lung	13	2	15
All accidents and suicide	6	4	10
			<u>56</u>

These 56 deaths, out of a total of 281, should be very largely preventable.

This year the number of births exceeded the number of deaths by 51, whereas last year deaths exceeded births by 12.

As the estimated mid year population is 23,730 there has only been an increase of 30 in the population in 1969.

## GENERAL PROVISION OF THE HEALTH SERVICES.

### Staff:

The Medical Officer of Health has two sessions per week for District Duties, the days varying to fit in with Committee and Council Meetings. If needed in an emergency she can be found by application to the County Health Office, Shirehall, Shrewsbury - Telephone 52211 Shrewsbury. In non-urgent cases a message should be left at the Public Health Department. Public Health Inspections and Meat Inspections remained unchanged but the Clerk/Typist has left and been replaced by Mrs. Sandifer.

### Laboratory Facilities:

These are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Salop Infirmary free of charge to us. Drinking waters and swimming bath waters are tested regularly, and specimens from suspected food poisoning cases are examined there. Dr. Jones and his staff are always most willing to give help and advice.

### Ambulance Service:

The station in Craven Arms serves this area and provides transport for the conveyance of persons who require it, because of illness, mental subnormality, or maternity needs, to places either within or outside the area. An ambulance is normally obtained through a general practitioner or a hospital but in cases of accident it should be called for immediately by making an emergency 999 telephone call. Valuable time should not be wasted in serious cases by trying to get a doctor first.

### Child Welfare Centres:

These are held as follows:-

Cliftonville, Dinham, Ludlow	Mondays	1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
*East Hamlet, Ludlow.	Thursdays	1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Parish Hall, Cleobury Mortimer.	1st & 3rd	
Sylvester Horne Institute, Church Stretton.	Wednesdays.	2.0 p.m. - 4.0 p.m.
*Clee Hill Village Hall.	1st	
	Thursdays.	2.0 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
	Wednesdays.	2.0 p.m. - 4.0 p.m.

\* There is a doctor present only on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at East Hamlet and no doctor attends Clee Hill Centre.

Other clinics are held by appointment at Dinham, Ludlow for dental treatment, ante natal care, mother craft and relaxation, child guidance, speech therapy, audiology and cervical cytology.

### Health Visitors:

There were four full time Health Visitors working in the area, by the end of the year.

### District Nurses and Midwives:

All the area is covered by District Nurse Midwives, several part-time workers helping the full time ones.

The night rota scheme for midwifery is in operation throughout the area and all night calls for midwives should be made to the County Ambulance Depot, Shrewsbury 6331.

Home Helps:

The full charge for a home help remains at 6/7d an hour, but the charge is adjusted according to means.

There was no shortage of Home Helps during the year.

Provision of Nursing Equipment, including incontinence pads.

A variety of equipment can be obtained on loan from the County Health Department.

Care of Unmarried Mothers and Illegitimate Children:

This work is done by the Moral Welfare Workers who are employed by the Hereford Diocesan Association.

Veneral Disease Clinic:Belmont, Shrewsbury.

Males	Tuesday and Fridays	6.0 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Females	Mondays	3.30p.m. - 5.30 p.m.
	Thursdays	5.0 p.m. - 7.0 p.m.

Family Planning Clinics.

The nearest clinics are held at Leominster, Hereford, Kidderminster and Shrewsbury. Details can be obtained from Family Doctors or Child Welfare Centres.

National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47.

One compulsory removal was undertaken under this section this year.

Old People's Welfare:

A lot of work in this field is done by pupils from the secondary schools in Ludlow, and they send a representative to the Old People's Welfare Committee. This Committee is formed by representatives from most local organisations and tries to co-ordinate the work done.

The luncheon club in Ludlow has proved a great success - there are about 50 people on roll but the average attendance is about 25.

The Club and the Meals on Wheels are run by the W.R.V.S. who provide an invaluable service both from a nutritional and social standpoint.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following Notifications of Infectious Diseases were received:-

	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>
Measles	6	2	5	1
Scarlet Fever	2	5		1
Infective Jaundice	1	-	1	5
Tuberculosis:				
Respiratory	-	2	-	-
Meninges & CNS.	-	-	-	-
Other	1	1	1	-
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

Again the number of notifications is low: as in the previous year a few cases of measles occur periodically but a major epidemic may well occur again if the vaccination campaign is not successful.

The cases of Jaundice were largely in children in the Clee Hill area.

Last year only one case of non-respiratory tuberculosis was notified whereas in 1969 there were two cases of pulmonary and three of non-pulmonary notified.

These occurred as follows:-

Pulmonary	- both females	- 20 - 30 age group
Non-pulmonary	- boy	14 years
	- female	60 years
	- female	37 years

Number of cases in Tuberculosis Register - December 1969

Pulmonary	66
Non-Pulmonary	27
Number removed from register-cured.	- 3
Number removed from register-left district.	- 1
Number removed from register-died.	- 3
Number added to register-came into district.	- 1
Number added to register-new cases.	- 5

Waves of gastro intestinal disorders still occur throughout the area but as the upset is usually fairly mild, no medical attention is sought, and they are only heard of later. But one child died from acute gastroenteritis, for which no bacteriological cause was found.

There appeared to be some increase in throat and ear infection in children, and the last month of the year was marked by widespread influenza - affecting more middle aged people than children, and causing moderately severe illness.

Prophylaxis:

Protection against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, smallpox and measles can be given to children at Child Welfare Centres or by Family

Doctors. Protection against Tuberculosis is given at Secondary Schools - and yellow fever at the County Health Department. Anti Typhoid injections are strongly advised for people going abroad for holidays and these can be obtained from Family Doctors.



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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1969

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the following report on the work carried out in my Department during the year 1969.

R.F. SAUNDERS

Chief Public Health Inspector

Stone House,  
Corve Street,  
LUDLOW,  
Shropshire.



R u r a l   D i s t r i c t   C o u n c i l   o f   L u d l o w

Chief Public Health Inspector's Report.

1. Staff.

Establishment at the end of the year:-

Chief Public Health Inspector.	-	Mr. R.F. Saunders, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Senior Additional Public Health Inspector.	-	Mr. G.S. Banks, M.A.P.H.I.
Additional Public Health Inspector.	-	Mr. L.D. Cowell, M.A.P.H.I.
	-	Mr. J.G. Gosnell, M.A.P.H.I.
Meat Inspectors.	-	Mr. R.S. Tong. A.R.S.H.
	-	Mr. D. Mills. A.R.S.H.
	-	Mr. B. Lawson.
Clerk/Typist.	-	Mrs. B.K. Sandifer.

Changes during the year:-

Resignation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>Date</u>
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Miss R. Bebbington.	Clerk/Typist	August, 1969.
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New Appointment

Mrs. B.K. Sandifer.	Clerk/Typist.	August 1969.
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2. Sanitary Circumstances in the Area.

(a) Water Supply.

The frequency of sampling public mains supplies was continued as in previous years. In future sampling will be carried out from various points on the Water Board's distribution systems instead of from villages and townships as in the past.

(b) Purity of Supplies.

The undermentioned samples were taken, for bacteriological examination, from public supplies in the area. Over half of the unsatisfactory samples were from the West Shropshire Water Board's supply at Church Stretton. This matter has caused concern to the Council and has been taken up with the West Shropshire Water Board on a number of occasions. It is hoped that the situation will improve.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Total No. of samples.</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Bitterley	6	6	0
Burford (a) West (E.S.W.B.)	6	6	0
(b) East (E.S.W.B.)	10	7	3
(c) North (N.W.W.W.B.)	6	5	1
Bushmoor & Wistanstow.	5	5	0
Church Stretton. (Including All and Little Stretton).	69	51	18
Clee Hill & Knowbury	7	6	1

Cleobury Mortimer.	27	23	4
Coreley (Including Joint High Level)	10	9	1
Craven Arms.	19	18	1
Diddlebury.	4	4	0
Far Forest (a) N.W.W.W.B.	2	1	1
(b) E.S.W.B.	1	1	0
Longville-in-the-Dale.	2	2	0
Ludlow (a) Low Level.	28	28	0
(b) High Level including Sheet Area.	31	30	1
Middleton.	6	6	0
Munslow.	5	5	0
Onibury.	5	4	1
South Eastern Parishes (Caynham Area)	6	6	0
Seifton (Including Culmington)	6	4	2
Soudley.	1	1	0
Stoke St. Milborough & Clee St. Margaret.	6	6	0
Wall-under-Heywood.	3	3	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>34</b>

NOTATION: E.S.W.B. East Shropshire Water Board.  
N.W.W.W.B. North West Worcestershire Water Board.

(c) Details of the numbers of properties and persons supplied with mains water.

The Department of Health and Social Security require the following information to be given for each parish in rural districts.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Direct to House</u>		<u>Served by Standpipe</u>	
	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Population.</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Population</u>
Abdon.	4	10	-	-
Acton Scott.	21	51	-	-
Ashford Bowdler.	17	42	-	-
Ashford Carbonell.	87	217	-	-
Bitterley.	115	286	-	-
Boraston.	58	145	-	-
Bromfield.	61	153	-	-
Burford.	117	292	-	-
Caynham.	309	772	3	8
Church Stretton.	1160	3364	-	-
Clee St. Margaret.	33	81	-	-
Cleobury Mortimer.	492	1440	-	-
Coreley.	111	277	-	-
Culmington.	116	290	-	-
Diddlebury.	109	272	-	-
East Hamlet.	11	27	-	-
Eaton-under-Heywood.	23	57	3	8
Greeete.	32	81	-	-
Halford.	42	118	-	-
Heath.	2	5	-	-
Hope Bagot.	3	8	-	-
Hope Bowdler.	2	5	-	-
Hopton Cangeford.	4	10	-	-
Hopton Wafers.	84	210	-	-
Ludford.	72	180	-	-
Ludlow.	2581	7634	-	-
Milson.	24	59	-	-
Munslow.	96	235	-	-
Nash.	85	198	-	-
Neen Sollars.	33	82	-	-
Onibury.	75	188	-	-
Richards Castle.	73	182	-	-

Rushbury.	74	185	1	2
Sibdon Carwood.	8	20	-	-
Stanton Lacy.	60	149	-	-
Stoke St. Milborough.	23	57	-	-
Stokesay.	490	1348	-	-
Tugford.	10	24	-	-
Whitton.	16	39	-	-
Wheathill.	5	12	-	-
Wistanstow.	160	398	-	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6898</b>	<b>19203</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>

These figures show that about 80% of the population is served by mains water. The remainder is served by various private supplies including boreholes, wells, springs etc.

(d) Proposed Supplies.

(1) Angel Bank and Bitterley Lane:

The Angel Bank scheme was agreed with the East Shropshire Water Board and work was started towards the end of the year. This scheme will bring a supply to houses and cottages in the Angel Bank, Bitterley Lane area.

(2) Joint High Level Scheme:

Investigations were carried out during the year of areas which the Council, when the Water Supply Authority for the area, proposed to supply from the Joint High Level scheme, but which the East Shropshire Water Board have not yet dealt with.

(3) Brand Hill:

The Brand Hill area was also surveyed and preliminary schemes have been produced by the East Shropshire Water Board and the West Shropshire Water Board. . . . .

(4) Hope Bowdler:

Agreement was reached on a supply for the Hope Bowdler area and work is expected to start shortly.

(e) Private Supplies:

Whilst the number of samples from private supplies (77) showed an increase on previous years, many of the samples were from re-sampling after works of improvement had been carried out.

3. Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

(a) Sewer Connections:

A few more connections to existing sewers were made during the year. Some septic tank effluent disposal systems were replaced where nuisance was being caused by unsatisfactory effluent disposal.

(b) Existing Drainage:

Surveys of existing drainage facilities were carried out at Ludford and Sheet, DhuStone, Rushbury and Wall-under-Heywood, to ascertain the need for the provision of sewers and sewage disposal works for these areas.

4. Rodent Control and Supervision:

The operative, Mr. R. Marsh, continued the work of rat and mouse destruction during the year.

Three hundred and ninety one complaints of rats and/or mice were dealt with. This left very little time available for surveying which is so necessary especially in the area from which regular complaints are received.

Acute acting poisons still have to be used in most of the area; (a) where rats are resistant to "Warfarin" and (b) in the barrier area of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food which surrounds the resistant area.

One case of Leptospirosis, a disease carried and spread by rats, was notified in the Northern part of the district.

5. Factories and Workshops:

The Local Authority deals only with certain aspects of the Factories Acts, namely those relating to health, welfare and sanitary accommodation.

Numbers in Register:-

(a) Factories with mechanical power	110
(b) Factories without mechanical power	2
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	<u>112</u>

Number of visits 15

6. The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963:

Particulars of premises registered under this Act are as follows:-

	<u>No. of Registered Premises at end of year.</u>	<u>No. of Persons employed at end of year.</u>
Offices.	65	336
Retail Shops.	146	576
Wholesale Shops & Warehouses.	9	48
Catering establishments open to the public & canteens	40	209
Fuel Storage Depots	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>1180</u>

No. of visits of all kinds to registered premises - 142

Conditions generally were found to be satisfactory.

7. Housing:(a) General Statement

1. Number of inhabitable houses, including Council houses and business premises with living accommodation as at 1st January, 1969. 8, 439.

Additions

Number of houses constructed during the year

1. Council Houses	55
2. Private	131

Number of additional houses provided by

the conversion of buildings into  
houses or the division of larger  
houses. 4

Number of houses brought back into use  
as a result of complying with

Undertakings. 7

197 197.

8,636

Deductions

Number of houses closed 25

Number of houses demolished 23

(Excluding 7 previously closed)

Lost by conversion of two or more  
into one. 2

50 50

8,586

Number of inhabitable houses,  
including Council houses and  
business premises with living  
accommodation as at 31st  
December, 1969.

8,586

(b) Action under the Housing Acts

The following is a summary of Statutory Action taken  
during 1969 regarding unfit houses.

Number of houses demolished  
(excluding 7 previously reported as closed). 23

Number of houses closed under the terms of  
Closing Orders. 16

Number of houses closed under the terms of  
Undertakings given by owners. 9

Houses made fit and Undertakings or Orders  
revoked. 7

Number of houses at which defects were remedied  
after formal action under the Public Health  
Act. 1

Informal Action

Number of houses made fit as a result of  
informal action. 8

(c) Survey

An external survey of houses in Ludlow was carried out during the year to ascertain the possible number of unfit houses, in addition to those in the proposed clearance areas, which may have to be dealt with in the future.

The primary purpose of the survey was to assist in ascertaining the number of new houses required to deal with slum clearance.

(d) Housing Act, 1969.

This Act which came into operation in August 1969, in addition to increasing improvement grants, made alterations to the law regarding:-

1. Standard of fitness.
2. Compensation for well maintained or partially well maintained houses.
3. Rents of certain dwellings.
4. Houses in multiple occupation.
5. Improvement Areas.

The Act will be the basis for a considerable amount of housing work during the coming years.

8. Caravan Sites and Moveable Dwellings(a) Caravan Sites.

Forty five licences under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960 were in force at the 31st December, 1969.

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Holiday</u>
(a) Individual	28	9
(b) Multiple (more than 3)	-	8
	28	17
Number of Caravans covered by the licences.	529	
Number of Caravans for residential use.	34	
Number of Caravans for holidays and week-ends.	495	

One holiday site is being extended to cover a further fifteen caravans.

Five contraventions of the Act were dealt with informally

(b) Touring Caravans

From statistics of new Caravan sales in this Country during 1969, it appears that the rate of production of residential caravans has, at present, reached its peak. The figures for touring caravans continue to increase at a high rate and the manufacturers expect this increase to continue.

Some years ago this Council agreed to the stationing of touring caravans, for overnight stops, at the large sites in the district. The allowance made was one tourer per ten licensed static caravans. However, this only allows stationing of forty two touring caravans on licensed sites. All of these sites are in the Southern part of the district and some have difficult approaches for touring caravans.

It appears that special sites for touring caravans may be necessary in the near future and this will necessitate the recognition of a new standard of facilities.

(c) Gipsies and Itinerant Traders.

The number of caravans used by gipsies, tinkers and itinerant traders vary very little. The Salop County Council are arranging for the provision of 3 sites, but none in South Shropshire at present.

(d) Public Health Act, 1936 Section 269

No land used for the pitching of tents in the area is used frequently enough to require licensing.

9. Informal Notices Served.

Drainage	23
House repairs	22
Food Hygiene	17
Water Supply	9
Means of escape in case of fire	8
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act.	6
Slaughterhouses (Hygiene etc)	5
Caravans	5
Provision of Dustbins	5
Air Pollution	3
Factories Acts	3
Rodent Control	3
Miscellaneous	14
Total -	123

Most of these Notices had been complied with by the end of the year.

10. Inspection and Supervision of Food

(a) Meat Inspection

Number of licensed slaughterhouses in  
the district

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Shropshire Fatstock Society  
at Craven Arms and:-

C. Jones & Son at Ludlow.

As a result of altered conditions at Craven Arms a new inspection arrangement was introduced during the year making use of the Meat Inspectors from Craven Arms to carry out inspection at the Ludlow slaughterhouse on the first four days of each week.

(b) Statement of Animals Killed and Inspected

	Cattle (Ex Cows)	Cows	Calves	Pigs	Sheep	Total
Numbers Killed	7, 586	996	1,973	25,417	88,957	124,929
Numbers Inspected	7, 586	996	1,973	25,417	88,957	124,929

All Diseases exceptTuberculosis and CysticercusBovis

Whole carcases condemned	6	40	92	32	384
Organs or parts condemned	1703	650	36	3042	8757
Percentage Affected	22.53%	69.28%	6.49%	12.09%	10.28%

Tuberculosis Only

Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Organs or parts condemned	-	-	-	90	-
Percentage Affected	-	-	-	0.35%	-

Cysticercus Bovis Only

Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Organs or parts condemned	20	3	-	-	-
Percentage Affected	0.26%	0.30%	-	-	-

## Weight of Meat Condemned:-

1. on account of Tuberculosis	987 lbs.
2. on account of Cysticercus Bovis	760 lbs.
3. on account of other diseases	<u>104,323 lbs.</u>
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106,070 lbs.	
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= 47 Tons, 7 cwts, 6 lbs.	

(c) Food Premises

The Department of Health and Social Security has asked for the number of food premises, subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, to be given in categories of trade. These are as follows:-

Hotels, Public Houses and Guest Houses.	104
Grocers and General Stores.	70
Cafes and Restaurants.	35
School Canteens and Kitchens.	33
Village Halls etc.	29
Butchers.	22
Confectioners	17
Clubs etc.	15
Grocers/Greengrocers.	12
Greengrocers.	11
Bakehouses.	9
Food Factories and Wholesalers.	8
Sweet Shops.	6
Factory Canteens.	6
Fish and Chip Shops.	5
Garages etc., selling ice-cream or sweets.	5
Wet Fish Shops.	2
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Total -	389

In general the standard of food premises is satisfactory.

(d) Poultry Inspection

Production at The Grove has continued to increase. Rejection of birds is carried out by "spotters" at various points on the lines. The majority of rejects are removed immediately after de-feathering. Suspect batches are retained by the Production Manager for inspection by a Public Health Inspector. High standards are set and maintained, regarding both the rejection of birds and the hygiene of the premises.

There is one small producer in Ludlow with whom arrangements are also made for a Public Health Inspector to inspect suspect birds as necessary.

(e) Particulars of Poultry killed and inspected.

Type	No. of birds Killed	No. of birds Rejected	% of birds Rejected	Weight Rejected		
				Tons.	Cwt.	Lbs.
Broilers	7, 366,806	63, 426	0.86%	70	15	85
Hens	382,383	50, 469	13.20%	69	16	102
Capons	160,658	4, 660	2.90%	10	18	49
Turkeys	764,173	12, 481	1.63%	55	14	42
Totals	8,674,020	131, 036	-	207	5	54

(f) Condemnation of Food

The following foods were inspected and voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption.

	Tons.	Cwts.	Lbs.
Meat (Other than that rejected during routine meat inspection)	1	17	99
Canned Meat	1		107
Canned Vegetables	3		13
Canned Milk Products			84
Canned Fruit Products	1	10	23
Canned Fish			38
Canned Soup			21
Fresh Fish	3		96
Other Foods (Including frozen goods)	10		84
Total	4	9	5

This figure is about twenty times higher than the figure for 1967. Most of the increase can be accounted for by the rejection of quantities of frozen food due to refrigerator breakdowns, or of quantities of bulk imported foods used at food products manufacturing premises within the district.

(g) Ice-Cream

Number of premises registered for the sale of ice-cream.	79
Number of premises registered for manufacture.	2

Heat treatment is not included in the process at either of these premises. Conditions at premises of both types are satisfactory.

11. Knackers Yards

The two knackers yards in the district are owned by one family firm. Very little work was carried out at the Stanway Yard. At Sparchford packed sterilized pet food is produced.

At this yard sterilization arrangements are insufficient to deal with all the knacker meat produced. The surplus unsterilized meat is sent to authorised premises outside the district for sterilization.

Conditions at the two yards are satisfactory.

12. The Meat (Sterilization) Regulations, 1969

These Regulations introduced new restrictions on the movement, and new requirements on the sterilization, of unfit meat from slaughterhouses and knackers yards.

The main difference between these Regulations and previous ones is the requirement which now does not allow staining of meat as an alternative to sterilization.

13. Swimming Baths

Details of bacteriological water samples taken from the Council's swimming bath at Dinham and the Salop County Council's open air bath at Cleobury Mortimer are as follows:-

<u>Bath</u>	<u>No. of samples</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Ludlow	40	39	1
Cleobury Mortimer	25	21	4

Nine chemical samples were taken from the Ludlow bath; all were satisfactory.

14. Public Health Act 1936, Section 60.Means of Escape in case of Fire

Work has proceeded on the provision of means of escape to premises covered by the Act. The speed of progress is governed by the availability of the Fire Prevention Officers of the Salop County Council. The fullest co-operation is received from these Officers within the limits of their manpower.

New legislation is to be put before Parliament and it is anticipated that the enforcing authority in future will be the Fire Authority.

15. Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

Ten dealers are registered under the Act.

Registration is the only part of this Act dealt with by the Local Authority. The Police administer the remainder of the Act.

PREScribed PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
FACTORIES ACT 1961.

**1- INSPECTIONS** for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Number of:	
			Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	2	1	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	110	14	5	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Nil</b>

**2- Cases in which DEFECTS were found**

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

<u>Particulars</u> (1)	<u>Number of cases in which defects were found</u>					<u>Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.</u> (6)
	<u>found</u> (2)	<u>Remedied</u> (3)	<u>Referred</u> <u>To H.M.</u> <u>Inspector.</u> (4)	<u>By H.M.</u> <u>Inspector</u> (5)		
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-	Nil.
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-	Nil.
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-	Nil.
Inadequate ventilation. (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-	Nil.

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Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-	Nil.
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7).						
(a) Insufficient	2	2	-	-	-	Nil.
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	3	3	-	-	-	Nil.
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-	Nil.
Other offences against Act.	-	-	-	-	-	Nil.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Nil.</b>

OUTWORK.

<u>Section 133.</u>				<u>Section 134.</u>		
Nature of Work.	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecu-tions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwhole-some prem-ises.	Notices Served.	Prosecutions.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Other Work	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Brass & brass articles.	13	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

There are no other outworkers registered in the district.

Conclusion.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all the staff of my Department for their work during the year.

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